GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
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Container Business
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India accounts for a mere 6% of the global container business;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of container usage rate in percentage terms for shipping of various categories of items/cargo during each of the last three years and the current year, category-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the container business?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)
(a)to(d): In terms of data available from United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Report, the share of India's Container Business in Global Container Business is roughly 2%. The details of container usage rate in percentage terms for shipping of various categories of items/cargo during each of last three years and current year up to October, 2016, cargo-wise is given below:
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(In 000 Tonnes)
Commodities 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17*
Upto Oct. 2016
Tonnage % Share Tonnage % Share Tonnage % Share Tonnage % Share
POL Crude + Product 187254 33.71 188771 32.47 195941 32.31 122038 32.98
Iron Ore** 26222 4.72 17909 3.08 15354 2.53 20898 5.65
Fertilizer 13724 2.47 16196 2.79 15898 2.62 9360 2.53
Coal - Thermal 71641 12.90 85339 14.68 98603 16.26 56056 15.15
- Coking 32751 5.90 32525 5.59 27352 4.51 28589 7.73
Container
-Tonnage 114671 20.64 119443 20.55 123119 20.30 72004 19.46
- TEUs 7457 - 7960 - 8197 - 4923 -
Other Misc. 109224 19.66 121161 20.84 130198 21.47 61102 16.51
TOTAL 555487 100.00 581344 100.00 606465 100.00 370047 100.00
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(*) Provisional
(**) Includes pellets also
Government is regularly monitoring the Port modernization & infrastructure projects for increasing the capacity of the ports and to bring them to international standards through construction &modernisation of berths, installation of state of art equipment for handling Containers and dredging projects to accommodate large size container vessels at major ports. For giving boost to Container business, the Government is contemplating development and setting up of transshipment ports at Enayam and Vizhinjam.
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